

Wisdom of Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)

When I was in High School my best friend was very very intelligent. His grades were straight A's. His test scores were through the roof. He was a genius. We played basketball together and we were going to play Basketball. Mom asked me to drop off some letters at the post office. I pulled in handed the letters to my very intelligent friend and asked him to put them in. He stood in front of the mail box for five min and could not figure out how to put them in. Being smart does not mean being wise. Being wise means that you

truly see what is of most importance. The gift that you get on Friday is not nearly as important as the gift of Jesus.

I. Wisdom of Their Study - More than likely these men had traveled thousands of miles from Babylon. Why? Hundreds of years ago Daniel (in Babylon at time) wrote of coming messiah. I said said he would be God in flesh. Other prophets said a star would be seen. They could have said, it's more important to make money, trade camels, teach

classes than study about a coming King but didn't. There are a lot of things that you could hedem ^{Bw a King is coming}

II. Wisdom of Their Service - They not only studied, but sought Jesus. Their knowledge was translated into

action. Shepherds heard and went. Wise men found & went. You can not be saved from your sins and stay where you are. You must come to him. God is not playing hid and seek. The Bible says if you will seek me with all your heart I shall be found of you. They came in faith. Jesus said ^{to me also} you have not come

III The Wisdom of their Salvation

They came to worship him. That means to know their lives down to Him. That's just what we find. They bowed down to a baby. Not a mighty King, Not a great conqueror. They humbled themselves before him. By their actions they were confessing Jesus Lord.

Rom 10:9-10 If then shalt... They gave Jesus very precious gifts. We are to do the same. ^{also consider their gifts} Not gold, frank, myrr, but the most precious ever life

IV The Wisdom of their Steps - Herod wanted to kill the Baby Jesus, vs 13 These wise men after seeing the baby Jesus they went a different way so as not to be found by Herod. The same can be said of any person that responds to the truth of the gospel, that bows themselves to Jesus and gives their lives to him they will - will be changed from the inside out and walk a different way. Rom 5:17 ^{is a new creature} If any man be in Christ he

V. Close - No matter what your grades were last year, you can be a wise person

What is more important